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Sincerely,

Robert J. Schneider

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the final Office Action mailed on June 23, 2006, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1 and 3-4 under Section 102(b), as anticipated by Kuhns, U.S. Patent No. 6,071,053.
2. Rejected Claims 1 and 3-4 under Section 102(b), as anticipated by Ohmae, U.S. Patent No. 5,941,440.

The following remarks are submitted in response.

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